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Title: A Tale Told by a Bard

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The sun begins to rise
over the over rain-swept
horizon. A continuous
storm has ravaged the
region for days, damaging
crops, upsetting the
cattle, and the towns
people begin to return
to their rather mundane
lives and to their
insignificant daily routines.

Yet, throughout the
storm the meeting halls
of the small hamlet were
full of talk of a sinister
evil inhabiting the
countryside. An evil that
lay hidden within a dark
citadel. The talk was of
an ancient lich who once
stole away the children
of a mortal family and
sacrificed them to
protect a dark artifact
he hid away.

They were just
superstitious townsfolk
until they gathered
together with pitchforks,
crude spears, and hand
axes. Once and for all
these ignorant and
malfeasant children were
to destroy all with which
they attributed their
plagues.

The mob stormed through
their flatten fields.
Through the over grown
forests and finally jutting
out of the overgrowth of
the virile woods was a
small obsidian tower. They
hastily batted down the
doors charging in.

A noxious mix innards and offal over took their senses. The interior of the small building was alive. Intestines were braided along the walls while flayed flesh hung down as draperies. Organs pulsed with a cruel vivacity- hearts, lungs, livers- all poured their vital fluids onto the cobblestone floor.

The mob was petrified and lost their impulsive nature. They slowly began to back out of the tower with hushed gasps.

A crushed face of a small child revealed itself within the wall and spoke in a singing manner.
"Behold the wrath of the Ebon Skull. We children are damned."

The face let out an infantile giggle.

"Spare you own children. Run away. Never again speak of the Ebon Skull, Azalin, nor a place far worse than this... Golgotha: Tower of the Skulls..."

The mob dropped their weapons where they stood fleeing in panic. A hollow laughter from the face and the rush of the mob overtook the usual serene sounds of the forest...

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